

**The project « *European Citizenship Network of Towns (EC-NET)* »
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Strand 2 – Measure 2.2 "Networks of Towns"

6 events have been carried out within this project:

Event 1

Participation: The event involved 28 citizens, including 3 participants from the city of Taurisano, Melissano and Ruffano (**Italy**), 3 participants from the city of Martinique (**France**), 4 participants from the city of Tirane (**Albania**), 3 participants from the city of Suhindol (**Bulgaria**), 3 participants from the city of Lisbon (**Portugal**), 3 participants from the city of Pazin (**Croatia**), 3 participants from the city of Slovenska Bistrica (**Slovenia**), 3 participants from the city of Madrid (**Spain**), 3 participants from the city of Sofia (**Bulgaria**)
Location / Dates: The event took place online, in Taurisano (**Italy**), 14-15/December 2020 and 14 March 2021

Short description: The meetings offered the following content (inter alia):

- The Coordination Meeting: when the coordinator shared with the partners all the information concerning the administrative and financial management of the project (Cooperation Agreement), the specific roles and tasks of each entity, the methods to be adopted for carrying out the local activities, the time schedule and the reporting process.
- Introduction to the idea of working groups along the project and their input into the final deliverables of the project
- Expert input on Solidarity and Intercultural Dialogue - to build the understanding of these concepts
- Different methodologies that could be used by the working Interviews and Feedbacks (google modules) - the experience from an Erasmus+ KA204 project "Together", Mind map with the use of Jamboard - online methodology

Event 2

Participation: The event involved 40 citizens, including 15 participants from the city of Sofia (**Bulgaria**), 3 participants from the cities of Taurisano, Ruffano and Melissano (**Italy**), 3 participants from the city of Martinique (**France**), 3 participants from the city of Tirane (**Albania**), 1 participant from the city of Suhindol (**Bulgaria**), 3 participants from the city of Lisbon (**Portugal**), 3 participants from the city of Pazin (**Croatia**), 3 participants from the city of Slovenska Bistrica (**Slovenia**), 3 participants from the city of Madrid (**Spain**), 3 participants from the city of Dabrowa (**Poland**).

Location / Dates: The event was implemented in a hybrid mode and took place in Sofia (**Bulgaria**), from 07/06/2021 to 08/06/2021

Short description: 2-days international activity introduced the participants to the transversal projects' priority of promoting Solidarity for an active EU Citizenship. A variety of methods was used: exchange of good practices, case studies, working groups, presentations.

Event 3

Participation: The event involved 113 citizens, between online and in-situ, including 79 participants from different Italian cities (**Italy**), 2 participants from the city of Martinique (**France**), 5 participants from the city of Tirane (**Albania**), 6 participants from the city of Lisbon (**Portugal**), 6 participants from the city of Pazin (**Croatia**), 6 participants from the city of Slovenska Bistrica (**Slovenia**), 3 participants from the city of Madrid (**Spain**), 6 participants from the city of Dabrowa (**Poland**).

Location / Dates: The event was implemented in a hybrid mode and took place in Rome (**Italy**), from 25/11/2021 to 26/11/2021

Short description: the results of the event:

1. Presentation of results of the local research conducted by the local working groups on interculturality.
2. Participants were introduced to the transversal priority of promoting Intercultural Dialogue for active citizenship.
3. Good practices on the methodologies adopted in the previous NTs for active citizenship through Intercultural Dialogue were presented and collected for the TOOLKIT.
4. Local practices on Intercultural Dialogue through volunteering, both at local and EU level were exchanged.

Event 4

Participation: The event involved 104 citizens, between online and in-situ, including 73 participants from different Polish cities (**Poland**), 1 participants from the city of Martinique (**France**), 2 participants from the city of Tirane (**Albania**), 3 participants from the city of Suhindol (**Bulgaria**), 2 participants from the city of Lisbon (**Portugal**), 4 participants from the city of Pazin (**Croatia**), 6 participants from the city of Slovenska Bistrica (**Slovenia**), 1 participants from the city of Madrid (**Spain**), 12 participants from the cities of Taurisano, Ruffano and Melissano (**Italy**).

Location / Dates: The event was implemented in a hybrid mode and took place in Poznan (**Poland**), from 16/05/2022 to 18/05/2022

Short description: The aim of this international event was to collect, discuss and exercise forms of engagement of citizens, including ways of impacting decision making at EU level. As the event took place in Poland, it put a strong focus on the current situation related to the war in Ukraine and migration to Poland on an unprecedented scale. The event offered a hands-on approach, a critical point of view to decision making and to civic participation, as well as a constructive approach to propose new ways of raising citizens' voices.

Event 5

Participation: The event involved 80 citizens, between online and in-situ, including 56 participants from the city of Martinique (**France**), 2 participants from the city of Tirane (**Albania**), 2 participants from the city of Suhindol (**Bulgaria**), 1 participants from the city of Lisbon (**Portugal**), 3 participants from the city of Pazin (**Croatia**), 6 participants from the city of Slovenska Bistrica (**Slovenia**), 3 participants from the city of Madrid (**Spain**), 3 participants from the city of Dabrowa (**Poland**), 4 participants from the cities of Taurisano, Melissano and Ruffano (**Italy**).

Location / Dates: The event was implemented in a hybrid mode and took place in Martinique (**FRANCE**), from 13/06/2022 to 16/06/2022

Short description: the results of the event:

- Participants shared with expert speakers and stakeholders why it is so important that simple citizens can debate on the future of EU
- The results of the previous 15 NT projects in terms of proposals and ideas for the Future of EU were shared, as well as the debating methodologies used (they were also included in the final TOOLKIT)
- New successfully adopted debating methods were practised: online debating and Porteur de Parole (Street Debate), among all.

Event 6

Participation: The event involved 103 citizens, between online and in-situ, including 72 participants from different Spanish cities (**Spain**), 2 participants from the city of Martinique (**France**), 3 participants from the city of Tirane (**Albania**), 2 participants from the city of Suhindol (**Bulgaria**), 3 participants from the city of Lisbon (**Portugal**), 3 participants from the city of Pazin (**Croatia**), 3 participants from the city of Slovenska Bistrica (**Slovenia**), 5 participants from the city of Dabrowa (**Poland**), 10 participants from the cities of Taurisano, Melissano and Ruffano (**Italy**).

Location / Dates: The event was implemented in a hybrid mode and took place in Madrid (**Spain**), from 25/10/2022 to 27/10/2022

Short description: The event gave space to all the topics discussed over the project: Solidarity, Intercultural Dialogue, Active Citizenship and Euroscepticism to enhance the understanding of the programme priorities over the years and to draw recommendations for the new decade of Networks of Towns under the new programme - CERV. The participants also finalized the main deliverables of the project - "The EC-NET Recommendations" (suggestions and ideas for the Future of the E4C Programme and policies for enhancing citizens' active participation) and "The EC-NET Toolkit" (a collection of methodologies deriving from previous networks of towns projects) and contributed to the international dissemination campaign.